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Nuclear Weapons

A. All parties to the Convention undertake to refrain from conducting nuclear test explosions for a period of twelve months from the date of entry into force of the Convention, provided that agreement has been reached on the installation and maintenance of the necessary controls to be located within the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States, the area of the Pacific Ocean and at such other places as may be necessary with the consent of the governments concerned.

B. The parties agree to appoint groups of technical experts to meet as soon as possible to

(1) Design the inspection system to verify the suspension of testing; and

(2) Design the inspection system to verify the cessation of production of fissionable materials for weapons purposes.

C. The parties undertake, upon termination of the twelve months period, to refrain from conducting nuclear test explosions

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for a further period of twelve months provided that the inspection system referred to in paragraph B(1) is operating to the satisfaction of each party and the inspection system referred to in paragraph B(2) has been agreed upon.

D. Testing may, at the discretion of each party, be conducted twenty-four months after the entry into force of the Convention if agreement has not been reached on a date for the cessation of production of fissionable materials for weapons purposes and for the installation of an agreed inspection system to verify such cessation.

E. The foregoing undertakings are entered into with the understanding that the parties will, as soon as feasible, resume discussions looking toward agreement on the remaining provisions of a safeguarded disarmament arrangement, set forth in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of November 14, 1957; particularly

(1) Reduction of stocks of nuclear weapons

through a program of transfer from weapons to

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non-weapons uses, under international supervision;

(2) Reduction of armed forces and armaments through safeguarded arrangements;

(3) Progressive establishment of open inspection, with ground and air components to guard against surprise attack;

(4) The joint study of an inspection system designed to ensure that the sending of objects through outer space will be exclusively for peaceful and scientific purposes.

The International Control Organization

(See Section 8 of the Four Power Working Paper, DPC Note No. 167.)

Suspension of the Convention

(See Section 10 of the Four Power Working Paper, DPC Note No. 167.)

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